

I am writing because I use an independent Internet Service Provider, and I am concerned that Bell South's petition to deregulate broadband service may impact my service negatively by setting a precedent for all major providers (I live in Northern California and SBC provides contractual access to my provider, Sonic.net).

I prefer not to have the huge commercial enterprises control my access to the Internet by denying my provider broadband coverage. I believe this is in the nature of universal access to utilities such as that enacted for telephones.

Thank you for your attention and feel free to contact me.